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Dear Josh,

I had recent news from you through Bussard who received your letter a few days ago. I was happy to know that both of you are in good health. You are probably now in your new home and I hope you are happy there.

I would be very thankful to you if you could give me the following information that interests André Lwoff. There was a girl attending the seminar I gave in your laboratory, who is working on the B. Megaterium phage. She told me that when she infected Smooth bacteria with a given phage, she was able to obtain only rough lysogenic clones. She is working in Madison, but I don't know in which laboratory. Could you please let me know her name and address, if you remember who she was. Hélène Ionesco in our laboratory has found something similar, and Lwoff would like to write to this girl.

I hope you received the two strains that Elie sent you recently, and please forgive us for having been so long. What is new on the K 12 work? Have you some new evidence of the fusion? Here there is nothing very interesting. We are mostly working on the genetics of λ , which is much more complicated than it appeared at first. Aaron Novick is spending this year here with us as you know, and we enjoy very much his presence in the lab.

I take this occasion to send to Esther and you my warmest greetings and best wishes for the New Year.

Best regards to both of you.

Sincerely yours,


F. Jacob